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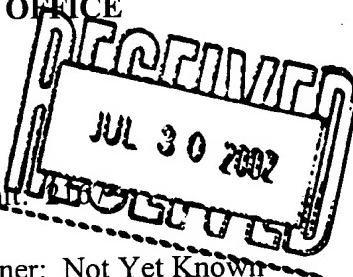
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

This information disclosure statement is being filed within one of the following time periods: before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the International Search Report as listed on the Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner considers the International Search Report (U.S. Search Authority) dated November 15, 2001 in PCT Application PCT/US01/43100. Each cited reference listed on the PTO-1449 was first cited in the subject communication from the International Search Authority in a counterpart foreign application and that the communication is dated not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement. 37

C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1). Applicants further request that the Examiner considers the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicants determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

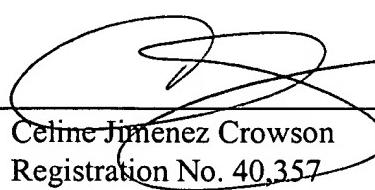
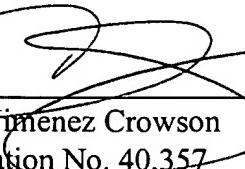
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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	COUNTRY WIPO	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT	
							Yes	No
							X	
		WO 99/14953	03/25/1999	WIPO				
		EP 0742658	11/13/1996	Europe			X	
		EP 0577351	01/05/1994	Europe			X	
		JP 11041213	02/12/1999	Japan (Abstract)			X	
		JP 09162818	06/20/1997	Japan (Abstract)			X	
		JP 04196792	07/16/1992	Japan (Abstract)			X	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	International Search Report, PCT/IL00/00437, November 2, 2000
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